

You have been proved wrong, Chairman Powell. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Yet here is a clear abuse of that trust. This large company is taking advantage of your relaxed ownership rules to subvert the democratic process. If they want to cover the election, they should promote the views of voters regionally. Yet they apparently care only about what's best for the corporate bottom line and the political whims of its most powerful (and wealthiest) controllers.

I strongly urge the FCC to step in and rebuke Sinclair Broadcasting the way Former Chairman Reed Hundt already has.

And Sinclair's actions show why the FCC needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.